

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:786
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SUGARCANE AREA LINKED TO MILLS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to determine the size of the sugarcane area or zone linked to the sugar mills on the basis of regional production, actual crushing capacity and expansion schemes in its efforts to provide incentive to increase the sugarcane crushing capacity and to provide better prices to the farmers;

(b) if so, the current status of the proposal; and

(c) by when the Government is likely to announce its decision in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): The sugar industry has been delicensed with effect from 14.9.1998 and the entrepreneurs may establish sugar factories as per the techno-economic feasibility, keeping the distance criterion of minimum of 15 Kms between the new and the existing sugar mills.